

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Claims 1 - 34 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner asserts that the present application includes claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species A: Figures 1A and 1B – open closed bolt
Species B: Figures 2A and 2B – two magnetic portions
Species C: Figures 3A and 3B – one magnet switches polarity
Species D: Figures 4A – 4C – with linkage
Species E: Figures 5A and 5B – spring back assist
Species F: Figure 5C – spring back assist
Species G: Figures 6A – 6C – spring forward assist

The Action requires an Election of Species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The examiner indicated that the independent claims are generic to the claims that depend therefrom.

Applicant elects Species E, Figures 5A and 5B – spring back assist, corresponding to claims 1 – 9, 11 – 19, 21 – 26 and 28, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is noted that Figure 5C corresponds to Figure 5A showing the bolt in a closed position (see paragraph [0014] of the published application. Therefore, it is requested that Figure 5C be included in Species E.

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REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1 - 34.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that an interview, either telephonically or in person, would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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